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24.10-acre land row at Kurubarahalli Sy.No. 4

Scam caught but... NO action!

- Government land sale deal cancelled on Mar. 6 after scam was exposed on Mar. 5
- Deal withdrawn in haste, suspects walk free; KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa seeks probe

Krishnaraja (KR) MLA T.S. Srivatsa addressing the media persons in city this morning as (from left) ***BJP KR Constituency President Gopalraj Urs, BJP District Spokesperson M. Mohan, City BJP President L. Nagendra and former Mayor Shivakumar look on.***

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (BLU&BS)- In a startling development, an individual who had entered into a sale agreement with a Bengaluru-based developer, claiming ownership of 24 acres and 10 guntas of Government land at Survey No. 4, Kurubarahalli at the foot of Chamundi Hill, has hastily cancelled the agreement.

Addressing media persons at his office this morning, Krishnaraja (KR) MLA T.S. Srivatsa, who had busted the irregularity by releasing a set of documents substantiating his charges on Mar. 5, said that soon after the scam was made public, an individual named Prashanth Uchil cancelled the sale agreement within 24 hours, on Mar. 6.

Srivatsa expressed his wholehearted gratitude to the District Minister and the Deputy Commissioner (DC) for acting swiftly in the case, saving Government land from falling into the hands of land sharks.

He also demanded a thorough probe and criminal action against the sellers, Revenue officials and Sub-Registrar, stating that such a large-scale irregularity was not possible without an unholy nexus between the suspects and officials.

(See SCAM on page 5)

'Accused took cue from CM who returned 14 MUDA sites'

Training his guns on Chief Minister (CM) Siddaramaiah, MLA Srivatsa said the CM himself must take the blame for setting a precedent, but for the wrong reasons, as large-scale land-related irregularities are going unnoticed and escaping action in his hometown of Mysuru.

He alleged that just as the CM's family members returned 14 disputed sites to the erstwhile Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to avoid punitive action, the perpetrators in the present case involving 24.10 acres of Government land at Survey No. 4, Kurubarahalli, may have taken a cue from it and cancelled the Sale Deed to escape legal consequences.

Citing more examples, Srivatsa referred to the alleged attempts to encroach upon a lake in the heart of Kempu Cheluvajammanni (KC) Layout and Govt. land opposite JSS College on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road. In both cases, the perpetrators were spared from action, he alleged.

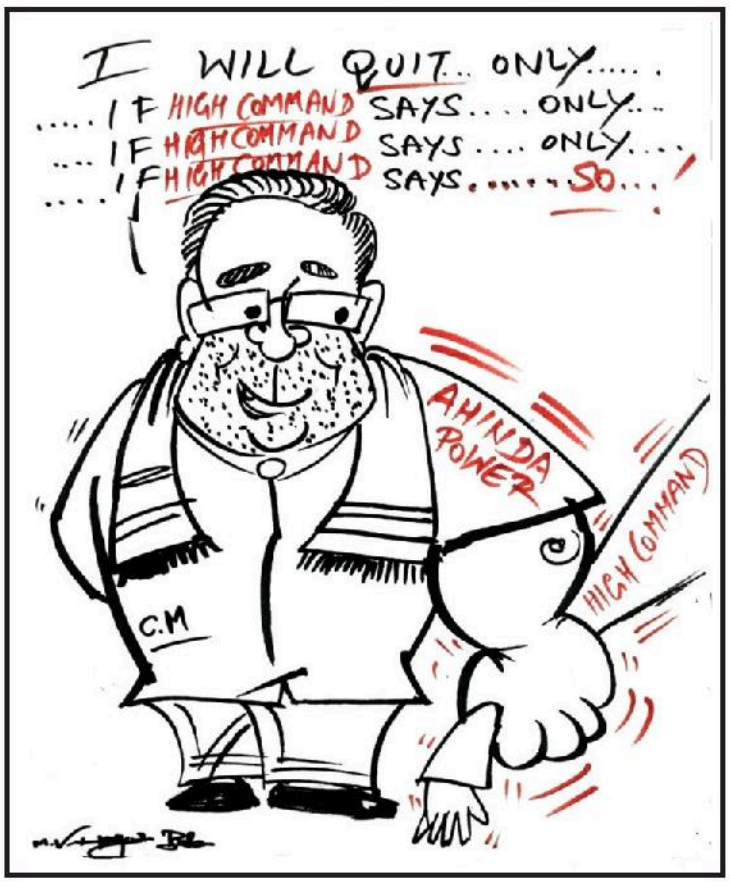
Earlier, about 20 years ago, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar were known for such fraudulent land deals, but now similar incidents are being extensively reported in Karnataka, he added.

Intl. Women's Day Special...

To commemorate International Women's Day-2026 and to celebrate women from different fields, *Star of Mysore* is publishing special interviews and articles during the month. Today *SOM* features women's cricket in Mysuru. **[Turn to page 6] —Ed**

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 10th March 2026

'Naari Sambhrama' marks Women's Day celebration at IGRMS

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (SPN&DM)- 'Naari Sambhrama,' a programme featuring Bharatanatyam, Dollu Kunitha and Puja Kunitha performed exclusively by women artistes, marked the International Women's Day celebration at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Southern Regional Centre, located at Wellington House on Irwin Road here on Sunday last.

Speaking after inaugurating the event, IGRMS Officer-in-Charge V. Ashok Vardhan said the 'Naari Sambhrama' aimed to celebrate the strength, creativity and cultural heritage upheld by women in the society. He also highlighted the role of women in the preservation, documentation and promotion of India's rich cultural heritage.

Bharatanatyam teacher Vidushi Jayashri, Supriya, Mysuru paintings artist Pavithra, Radha Gowda and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A DEBT BEYOND REPAYMENT: ***Thirukudandhai Dr. Venkatesh said in a discourse that a mother plays a pivotal role in the life of children. After Dhruva's final breath on earth, messengers of God carried him in a celestial palanquin to the Pole Star, the Dhruva Mandala, specially created by God in admiration of his unwavering devotion. As Dhruva ascended, he noticed another palanquin proceeding ahead of him and wondered how this could be, since he alone had performed intense penance. The divine messengers revealed that the palanquin ahead carried his mother. They explained that she was the true instrument behind his devotion.***

In the Yaksha Prashna of the Mahabharata, the Yaksha asks Yudhishthira: "Who or what is greater than Mother Earth?" Yudhishthira replies without hesitation that nothing can be compared to one's own mother. Mother Earth bears all injuries inflicted upon her. Even greater is a human mother, who silently endures not only the physical hardships of nurturing her children but also the harsh words and insults that may come from her own son or daughter. According to Srimad Bhagavatam, when Lord Krishna, at the tender age of eleven, slew the tyrant Kamsa and released His parents Devaki and Vasudeva from imprisonment, His heart was filled not with pride but with deep remorse. Krishna apologised to His parents, lamenting that He had lost eleven precious years in which He had been unable to serve them as a son. He resolved to dedicate the rest of His earthly existence to their service. The Bhagavatam states that even if one were to serve one's parents for a 100 years, such service would never equal the immeasurable sacrifices parents make for their children. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Rhino from 'Ace Ventura' up for auction

Los Angeles: An auction house specialising in props from movies and TV series is offering a screen-matched "butt birth" rhinoceros from Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls.

PropstoreAuction said the rhino was used for exterior shots in the 1995 comedy when Ace Ventura, played by Jim Carrey, was using the mechanical animal to spy on a suspect. An infamous scene features Carrey squeezing out from the rear end of the rhino when his cooling fan breaks down, earning the prop the nickname of the "butt birth" rhino.

Bidding reached $5,500 as on Thursday. The auction house said it is expected to fetch a top price of up to $8,000.

Apartment invaded by pigeons

Vorkuta: A middle-aged man from the Russian mining town of Vorkuta recently shared a video of his apartment that grabbed people's attention and went viral. Dozens of pigeons can be seen lined up on the furniture like they own the place, and the entire floor covered with droppings and feathers.

According to reports, the man left Vorkuta three years ago to work in Siberia, but forgot to close one of the apartment windows. That's all the local pigeons needed to settle in.

The video of the apartment spread like wildfire on social media, sparking all sorts of comments, but the owner doesn't really feel like laughing. Experts estimate that renovating the apartment and replacing furniture would cost between 1.5 and 2 million rubles, about as much as the place is currently worth on the current market.

According to experts, pigeons are susceptible to various diseases, including bird flu and psittacosis, so the floor and walls will have to be treated with special chemicals to ensure that no contaminants are left.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Heavy Periods Can Cause Anaemia

Women with heavy menstrual bleeding are at higher risk of iron deficiency. Timely treatment restores energy.

By Dr. Giri Punja - Consultant – Haematology
Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Cyber Security Awareness Session held for Rotarians

Mysuru, Mar. 10- Police Inspector C. Nandeesh Kumar from the Cyber Crime Police Station, Mysuru, addressed Rotarians at a joint meeting of seven Rotary Clubs in city recently.

The session focused on cyber security awareness and responsible digital practices.

Inspector Nandeesh highlighted the growing importance of cyber vigilance in everyday life. Through real-life case studies and relatable cases, he explained common cyber threats and shared best practices to ensure safe digital engagement.

The programme was hosted by Rotary Mysore Midtown, with active participation from members of six other Rotary Clubs in Mysuru.

Rtn. Rakesh Babu, President of Rotary Midtown, welcomed. Rtn. Bharath, Hon. Secretary, introduced the speaker. Rtn. Somesh, President of Rotary Panchsheel, proposed the vote of thanks. The event reinforced the importance of cyber awareness in today's digitally connected world and encouraged members to adopt safe online practices.

WATER LEVEL

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Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **111.62 feet**	Today's level **2,270.14 feet**	Today's level **2,830.01 feet**
Last year's level **111.61 feet**	Last year's level **2,272.92 feet**	Last year's level **2,834.94 feet**
Yesterday's level **111.86 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,270.32 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.03 feet**
Today's Inflow **322 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **78 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **222 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,130 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *1000 years ago (circa 1000-1100 CE), Indian cuisine was characterised by locally sourced, seasonal ingredients, focusing on grains like rice, barley and millets, along with lentils, ghee and dairy.*
- *The diet was largely vegetarian, with staples like ginger, black pepper and turmeric, while relying on, fruits such as mango, jackfruit and citrus.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: What do you call a woman in heaven?
Johny: An angel.
Teacher: A crowd of women in heaven?
Johny: A host of angels.
Teacher: And all women in heaven?
Johny: Peace on earth!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 92.14
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 123.65
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.09
1 Euro	= Rs. 106.99

VOICE OF THE READER

Mysuru needs full-fledged Passport Seva Kendra

Sir,

The recent Budget presented by CM Siddaramaiah contains several encouraging proposals for the development of Mysuru. The plan to develop Mysuru as a second IT hub to decongest Bengaluru, along with initiatives aimed at industrialising Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities and strengthening welfare and public healthcare programmes, will certainly benefit the region.

However, one important issue concerning the people of Mysuru appears to have been overlooked by not recommending the proposal to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The existing Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) in city has not yet been upgraded into a full-fledged Passport Seva Kendra with Tatkal facilities.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar has repeatedly urged the authorities to take steps for such an upgradation, but no concrete action has been taken so far.

At present, many applicants from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu are compelled to visit the Passport Kendra on Lalbagh Main Road or the Regional Passport Office, Koramangala, Bengaluru, for passport services.

Both locations are highly congested and lack adequate parking facilities, causing considerable inconvenience to visitors, who often have to park their vehicles at faraway places without proper safety.

If the Government is serious about decongesting Bengaluru and strengthening regional development, issues such as these deserve urgent attention.

Upgrading the existing passport facility in Mysuru to a full-fledged Passport Seva Kendra with Tatkal services would greatly benefit residents of the region and simultaneously reduce pressure on Bengaluru's already overburdened centres.

It is therefore hoped that the authorities concerned will take immediate steps to upgrade the facility in Mysuru and consider relocating it to the more suitable premises available at Karanji Mansion, Nazarbad, Mysuru, without further delay.

— P. Rajan

K.C. Layout 7.3.2026

Mahila Bhajana Mandali performs at Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (MK&VNS)- Members of Mahila Bhajana Mandali celebrated International Women's Day at Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple in city on Mar.8 by distributing *prasadam* for devotees and rendering bhajans.

Speaking on the occasion, Temple Administrative Officer N. Srinivasan said, "Women's Day was not about a single day celebrations but it was a day for society to work for the equality and dignity of women."

Temple Founder Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others were present.

Jain Sangathan fetes women achievers

Bharatiya Jain Sangathan (BJS), Mysuru Chapter, celebrated International Women's Day by hosting 'Naari Srijan' programme to felicitate women who have made significant contributions in various fields. The honorees — Psychotherapist Pranic Healer Sharmila Dhoka, Vastu Practitioner Shilpa Shah, Terapanth Mahila Mandal President Vijayalakshmi Accha, Gyanashala Teacher Amita Derasaria (see pic. along side - feted next day) and Fine Art Artist Aarti Singavi — are seen with BJS Mysuru Chapter President Rajan Baghmar, Vice-Presidents Kushal Palrecha and Nemichand Badola, Secretaries Rajendra Desarla and Nemichand Pitlaya, Prakash Gandhi, Mahaveer Dhoka, Women's Wing President Sharmila Dhoka, Secretary Seema Bohra and Aanchal Desarla.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Rly. Pensioners monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association will be held on Mar. 14 (Second Saturday) at its office in city at 11.30 am. G.S. Swaminathan, General Secretary, will address the pensioners regarding the activities of the Association and also narrate the circulars issued recently. Parthasarathy, Association President, will preside over the meeting and address the pensioners. R. Basavaraju, Working President will be present.

Mass marriage at Suttur

Suttur Srikshetra, apart from organising mass marriages during the Jathra Mahotsava, is also organising mass marriages every month since February 2009. All sections of society are eligible to take part in these mass marriages. The next monthly mass marriage will be held on Mar. 25 at Suttur in Nanjangud. The prospective bridegrooms and brides, who have completed 21 and 18 years of age respectively may apply along with their photographs, caste certificates and age proof certificate based on school admission records. Free saree, blouse, panche, valli, shirt, mangalya and silver toe-ring will be provided. Those interested may contact the Administrator, JSS Educational Institutions, Suttur, directly 8 days before the wedding. For details and registration, call Ph: 08221-232217 or Mob: 97413-42222, said Suttur Srikshetra Manager in a press release.

Medical Camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru, is conducting a Medical Camp on PCOS from Mar. 10 to 31 between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 87624-09110.

Free Cancer Clinic

A free Cancer Detection Clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on Mar. 12 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Ph.D awardee

T.V. Chakrapani has been awarded Ph.D in Management by the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Hospital Management: A Comparative Study of Select Public and Private Teaching Hospitals in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Prof. C. Mahadevamurthy.

Couple ends life over trivial issue

Two-year-old daughter survives; performs parents' last rites

Divya and Darshan

K.R. Pet, Mar. 10 (KS)- A couple died by suicide at their rented house in Jayanagar Layout at K.R. Pet yesterday morning, while their two-year-old daughter survived after the father reportedly attempted to suffocate her.

The deceased have been identified as Darshan (29) and his wife N.L. Divya (25). Their daughter, who had been rendered unconscious, was rushed to a private hospital where she was treated and is said to be out of danger.

Divya, daughter of Lakshmana Gowda and Sunanda of Natanahalli village, had completed a Pharmacy course. Darshan, son of Ganesh Gowda and Manjula of Hosakote village, was working as a taxi driver.

The couple, who were in love, had married three years ago with the consent of their families and were living in Jayanagar Layout.

Police said, Divya had been urging Darshan to start a medical store using her qualification, while Darshan reportedly told her he would consider it after completing the construction of a house. An argument over the issue is believed to have taken place yesterday morning.

Suffocation attempt

After Darshan left the house, Divya died by suicide by hanging. When Darshan returned home later, he was shocked to find her hanging.

Police said, he then allegedly tried to suffocate his daughter with a pillow. When the child became unconscious, Darshan is believed to have assumed that she had died and later hung himself. Before taking the extreme step, Darshan reportedly called his brother and informed him about the incident.

Mandya Superintendent of Police (SP) Dr. V.J. Shobha Rani, K.R. Pet Town Inspector Sunilkumar and other Police personnel visited the spot.

The bodies were shifted to MIMS Hospital in Mandya for post-mortem examination and later handed over to the family members.

In a poignant moment, the couple's two-year-old daughter performed the last rites for her parents and the bodies were cremated on the same pyre.

Woman watching TV robbed of her gold chain

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (PM&KS)- A miscreant, who barged into a house, has snatched a gold chain, weighing 30 grams, from an elderly woman, who watching TV in her house. The incident took place at about 10 pm on Mar. 7 at Chamaraja Mohalla and the woman, who lost her gold chain, is 69-year-old P. Indrani, a resident of D. Subbaiah Road in Chamaraja Mohalla.

In her complaint, Indrani has stated that she was sitting near the door of her house and was watching TV when a man barged into the house and smeared a chemical on her face causing burning sensation to her eyes.

The man not only snatched her gold chain but also twisted her hands before fleeing from the house. By the time Indrani washed her face and came to the front door, the man had fled by then.

Lakshmipuram Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Attention Diversion...

Two women rob elderly lady of her gold chain in bus

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (MK&KS)- Two women have reportedly robbed an elderly lady of her gold chain after diverting her attention in a bus.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is 60-year-old Neelamma, a resident of Yaraganahalli here.

On Mar. 5 evening, Neelamma was travelling in a bus from Bellur Cross to Mysuru where two unidentified women carrying a baby boarded the bus at Srirangapatna. One of the women asked Neelamma to give her the window seat as the baby may vomit while travelling, to which Neelamma refused.

Later, when the bus arrived at Manipal Hospital Junction, the two women dropped a few coins on Neelamma and when Neelamma bent down to pick up the coins, the women cut Neelamma's 400-gram gold *mangalya* chain and got down from the bus at LIC Bus Stop and went away.

Neelamma, who reached her house found that her gold *mangalya* chain was missing and then realised that the two women had robbed her gold chain after diverting her attention and lodged a Police complaint.

NR Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Boy goes missing

Venukumar Gowda

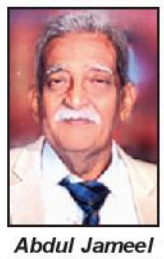
Bannur, Mar. 10- A 15-year-old boy has gone missing since Mar. 2 from Bannur Police limits.

The missing boy is D.J. Venukumar Gowda, son of D.C. Jayaramu, a resident of Dodda Moodalagudu village.

He is 4.7 ft. tall, light brown complexioned, oval faced, speaks Kannada and English and was wearing a blue T-shirt and yellow shorts at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing boy, may contact Bannur Police Station on Ph: 08227-275632 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2520040.

Former Corporator Abdul Jameel passes away



Abdul Jameel

Mysuru, Mar. 10- Abdul Jameel (76), former Corporator and ex-President of The Muslim Co-Operative Bank and a resident of Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday evening in city. He had also served as District Secretary of Bharat Scouts and Guides.

He leaves behind one son, one daughter & a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today after Namaz-e-Zohar (1.30 pm) at Jamia Masjid in Kiragasur near Chamarajanagar followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds in Kiragasur.

Obituary

Kumar

Mysuru, Mar. 10- Kumar (52), son of late Chikkanna and a resident of Hinkal, passed away in the early hours of today at a private hospital in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, three brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Hinkal Burial Grounds this morning.

Prof. Devaraju

Prof. Devaraju (52), Professor of Chemistry at Yuvaraja's College and a resident of Vijayanagar 4th Stage, passed away following brief illness on Sunday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Ranjini, daughter Sanvi, son Rishik and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

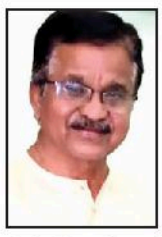
H.M. Sarvamangala

Nanjangud: H.M. Sarvamangala (70), wife of retired Principal of Gundlupet JSS College Prof. C. Subbanna and a resident of Nanjangud, passed away yesterday in the town.

She leaves behind her husband, two daughters, one son, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kurahatti village in the taluk this noon.

Sreenivasamurthy



Hunsur: Sreenivasamurthy (68), an advocate and a resident of Banni Street, passed away yesterday in the town.

Son of retired Sub-Registrar late Military Ramachandraiah, he leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land this afternoon.

Tibetans observe National Uprising Day

STOP TORTURING IN TIBET
TIBET WAS NEVER A
10 March, Tibetan Uprising Day
LONG LIVE H.H THE 14TH DALAI LAMA. UNO WE WANT JUSTICE.
TIBET IS NEVER PART OF CHINA, THE MIDDLE WAY APPROACH IS THE BEST SOLOTION.
STOP KILLING & ERADICATING TIBETAN CULTURE AND LANGUAGE IN TIBET.

As part of 67th Tibetan National Uprising Day, hundreds of Tibetans from Hunsur, Bylakuppe and Kollegal camps, associated with Middleway Tibetan Youth Congress, Regional Tibetan Women's Association and Mysuru Tibetan Students Association, took out a procession in city this morning from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple to Old Deputy Commissioner's Office along Hunsur Road.

Scam caught but NO action!

(Continued from page 1)

However, this does not suffice, Srivatsa said, as the following developments related to the cancellation of the sale agreement itself give rise to a set of doubts.

Cancellation and how

Firstly, the copy of the sale agreement entered into with the Bengaluru developer dated Dec. 12, 2025, had 14 to 15 signatories, including Uchil, claiming ownership of the land.

However, the same agreement has been cancelled solely by Uchil. Whether the remaining signatories had given a General Power of Attorney (GPA) to Uchil, questioned Srivatsa, who alleged that there seems to be more than what meets the eye.

Financial transactions

Secondly, the sale agreement had minute details related to financial transactions and payments. For example, the agreement cites the number of five cheques issued for Rs. 50 lakh each, a Demand Draft (DD) for Rs. 1 crore and others, meeting the total transaction value of Rs. 4.75 crore for 24.10 acres of land.

Crores paid in one go?

Thirdly, while cancelling the sale agreement, the document says that Rs. 4.75 crore has been returned in a lump sum, without any minute details.

"Does this mean the amount was returned in one go? If yes, what was the mode of payment?" asked Srivatsa, who sensed something fishy behind the entire transaction. The law forbids large-sum payments in cash, citing provisions of the Income Tax (IT) Act and other laws, he said.

One signatory

Mincing no words, Srivatsa said that when Uchil came down to Mysuru and cancelled the sale agreement, he was let off the hook without any enquiry, blatantly ignoring the gravity of the case. In such cases, a criminal case has to be booked against the perpetrators, opined the MLA.

What is alarming is the foxy manner in which the suspects laid their hands on Government land. Had the said land been flagged as 'Government land' in the documents at the Sub-Registrar's office, nobody could have attempted to usurp the land. However, in this case, the particular land was not flagged, leading to suspicions about the handiwork of any staff or official at the Sub-Registrar's office, he alleged.

Ownership status

Strangely, even after the cancellation of the sale agreement, the document related to the said land still bears the names of others as owners.

As conveyed by the Deputy Commissioner (DC), the status of ownership may be modified by Thursday (Mar. 12) midnight, said Srivatsa, questioning the delay.

A vast tract of land

Survey No. 4, Kurubarahalli alone covers a vast tract of 1,500 acres of land, among which khata for 482 acres has been sought by individuals citing Court orders. This means the remaining land belongs to the Government, said Srivatsa.

Rs. 900 crore, not Rs. 200 crore!

MLA Srivatsa, who had earlier estimated the value of 24 acres and 10 guntas of land at Survey No. 4 in Kurubarahalli at Rs. 200 crore, has said that given the prevailing market value, it could go up to Rs. 900 crore.

At the current market rate, even if the value is calculated at Rs. 10,000 per square foot, one acre of land may fetch not less than Rs. 43 crore, totalling about Rs. 900 crore for 24 acres and 10 guntas of land, he added.

City BJP President and former MLA L. Nagendra, BJP District Spokesperson M. Mohan, former Mayor Shivakumar, City BJP General Secretary M. Somsundar, BJP Krishnaraja Constituency President Gopalraj Urs and Media Convener M.S. Mahesh Raje Urs were present at the press meet.

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Sd/- Ajit Janaba Desai

Doctors' strike to hit OPD services from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (MK&DM)- Outpatient Department (OPD) services at Government Hospitals across Mysuru district are likely to be severely affected from tomorrow as doctors and other medical staff have called for a State-wide indefinite strike.

The strike has been called by the Karnataka Government Medical Officers' Association (KGMOA) in collaboration with the Karnataka State Health and Medical Education Department Employees' Central Association and other cadre staff associations. The key demands include adequate and timely supply of medicines to Government Hospitals, amendment to the Cadre and Recruitment (C&R) Rules, which have not been revised since 1973 despite a Government mandate to amend them every three years and preparation of seniority lists of all cadres in the Health Department.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, KGMOA District President Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed said that as the first phase of the protest, OPD services will be suspended at all Government Hospitals from Mar. 11 to 15, while only emergency cases will be attended to. Doctors and staff will also wear black bands as a mark of protest.

"If the Government fails to address our long-pending demands by Mar. 15, the strike will be intensified from Mar. 16 with doctors and support staff abstaining from work indefinitely," he said.

Dr. Mohammed Shiraz said OPD services in about 170 Government Hospitals and health centres across the district, including the District Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital, Seth Mohandas Tulsidas (SMT) Hospital and V.V. Puram Maternity Hospital, will remain closed.

However, K.R. Hospital, Maharajakumari Krishnajammanni Trauma Care Centre, Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital and PKTB Hospital, all attached to Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), as well as Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research will function as usual.

Video conference with CM today

Expressing hope for a last-minute resolution, Dr. Shiraz said, office-bearers of the Association will hold a meeting with the Chief Minister through a video conference this evening. "If the talks are satisfactory, the strike will be called off tonight. Otherwise, the protest will begin as planned from tomorrow," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

From this year, KSCA will provide turf wickets for women cricketers to practice at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri, Mysuru...

Bat Big

Women's cricket finds new ground in Mysuru...

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Women's cricket in India has seen tremendous growth post 2005, when the Indian Women's Team emerged as runner-up in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup under the captaincy of Mithali Raj.

Though the Indian team lost in the finals, their efforts received tremendous appreciation, following which the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) recognised women's cricket in 2006 and the Women's Cricket Association of India was merged with BCCI.

Since then, women's cricket has witnessed several reforms with better funding, infrastructure, sponsorships and domestic tournaments being conducted on a regular basis. The latest being the pay parity, where women cricketers are paid on par with men cricketers at the international level. The match fees at the domestic level have also risen significantly to ensure women's cricketers grow financially, as well as to enhance their cricketing skills.

Following the success of the 2005 ICC Women's World Cup, the Indian women's team has been performing to the best of their abilities.

While ended up as runner-up again at the ICC Women's ODI World Cup in 2017 and faltered in the group during the following World Cup held in 2022, the results changed when the women's team won the ODI World Cup last year, defeating South Africa.

The success of the 2005 World Cup inspired many young women to take up cricket at a professional level. BCCI's decision to introduce Women's Premier League (WPL) came as a big boost for women's cricket in the country, with many cricketers finding their way to Indian Test, ODI and T20 squads.

Shubha Satheesh

Yashika K. Gowda

Liyanka P. Shetty

K. Harshitha

J. Deeksha

Kashvi Shekar

Nesara Sapthagirish

Karishma U.J. Gowda

P. Saloni

Veda Varshini

Karnataka's contribution

Among the Indian States, Karnataka has contributed significantly to women's cricket. Shantha Rangaswamy led the Indian Women's Team during its first-ever Test match in 1976.

She not only received the Arjuna Award for her achievements but also became the first woman cricketer to receive the BCCI's Lifetime Achievement Award for her contribution to women's cricket.

The following years have seen players such as Karuna Jain, Mamatha Maben, Veda Krishnamurthy, V.R. Vanitha and Shreyanka Patil, among others donning the Indian colours.

Boost for women's cricket in Mysuru

In Mysuru, women's cricket has seen tremendous growth over the past few years.

Earlier, Bengaluru, which had emerged as the hub for men's cricket, emerged as the hub of women's cricket as well.

Now, things have changed with Mysuru contributing exceedingly well by producing the women's cricketers who have been representing the State and National teams.

In fact, Shubha Satheesh became the first player from Mysuru to represent the Indian Women's Team in Test matches.

The boost for women's cricket in Mysuru came during 2019-2020, with Bowl Out Cricket Academy providing exclusive coaching for women.

The Academy, under Head Coach S. Rajath, has produced many women cricketers in a short span of five years, who have gone on to represent the State and National teams. In fact, Shubha Satheesh, who played for India, is a product of the Academy. The Academy at Mahajana College Grounds started with two girls during 2019-20. However, its operations were shut down following COVID-19. Later, it was resumed post-COVID and there has been no looking back.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Rajath said, "We started with two girls in our camp and today we have a total of 55 girls training under us. The seed we sowed five years back has been yielding us good results. Our goal is to create a good number of women cricketers to contribute at the State and National level."

Last year, 10 women and girl cricketers from Mysuru represented the Karnataka State team in various age groups.

Among the women cricketers who have played for State and National level from Rajath's Academy include Shubha Satheesh (Indian Women's Test Team), P. Saloni (Karnataka State U-23 ODIs, T20), J. Deeksha (Karnataka State U-19), Liyanka P. Shetty (Karnataka State U-15), Nesara Sapthagirish (Karnataka U-15), Karishma U.J. Gowda (Karnataka U-15) and Yashika K. Gowda (Karnataka State ODIs).

Other academies

Girls from other cricket academies in the city have also represented the State teams in various age categories.

K. Harshitha of Adhyayan Cricket Academy has represented the Karnataka U-15 girls' team, Kashvi Shekar of Sportigo Cricket Academy has played Karnataka State in ODIs and Veda Varshini of Sairam Cricketers represented the Karnataka U-19 team.

All these achievements have come in the last five years, which is evident that women's cricket in Mysuru has been booming.

The recent achievement of women in cricket has also changed the mindset of parents, who are now seen dropping their daughters and picking them back up after attending their cricket coaching classes.

From this year, the Karnataka State Cricket Association has been providing turf wickets for women cricketers to practice at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri, for them to accustom themselves with turf wickets, as the entire league and following matches are played on turf wickets.

Weekend camps are being conducted under the watchful eyes of senior women and men cricketers to enhance the abilities of women cricketers.

Women's Zonal League

"Till recently, there was no proper guidance for women's cricket and they were also denied opportunities to practice on turf wicket. The new KSCA Committee, giving emphasis to women's cricket, has decided to give equal opportunity for women cricketers to improve their skills by providing them with infrastructure and quality coaching.

Currently, women cricketers are being prepared for the selections of KSCA Academy which will commence from April at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium where around 30-35 talented women cricketers will be selected to be trained round the year under the guidance of experienced cricketers. From this year, KSCA Mysuru Zone has also formed a separate Women's Selection Committee, which will not only handle the selection process, but also coaching.

Going forward, we will also start separate Women's Zonal League which will provide equal opportunities for cricketers to showcase their skill in match situations."

— P. Srinivas Prasad, Convenor, KSCA Mysuru Zone

Rejuvenation works begin at Varuna Lake

Total estimate Rs. 9.75 crore; adventure activities temporarily suspended

A view of Varuna Lake on T. Narasipur Road. Picture right shows Lake water being drained to take up desilting works.

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (BCT)- Following the State Government's administrative approval for the rejuvenation and beautification of Varuna Lake in Mysuru at an estimated cost of Rs. 9.75 crore, the Mysuru District Administration has announced that all water adventure activities at the Lake will be temporarily suspended due to ongoing development works.

The Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) has taken up a comprehensive project that includes desilting the Lake, installation of fence, developing the vehicle parking area and installing a Natural Biological System (NBS) to scientifically treat polluted water flowing into the Lake.

An official said that the boats have been shifted and the draining of Lake water has begun which may take about 15 days to complete.

Spread across 164 acres near Chikkahalli village under Varuna Gram Panchayat limits in Mysuru taluk, the Lake is expected to be transformed into a clean and tourist-friendly waterbody. Once rejuvenated and beautified, facilities such as a recreational park, zip lines and boating are planned to enhance the Lake's appeal.

At present, the Lake is polluted due to sewage inflow from Varuna hobli, Vajamangala Gram Panchayat, layouts approved by the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), Chikkahalli village and nearby residential areas.

District Administration, Tourism Department initiative

In collaboration with the District Administration and the Tourism Department, tenders have already been floated to introduce boating and other water adventure activities at Varuna Lake.

Officials said that draining the Lake completely is necessary to carry out the technical works smoothly. As a result, Outback Adventures, which has been operating water adventure activities at the Lake, will halt all such programmes until the works are completed.

The District Administration clarified that the suspension is temporary and that activities will resume once the development project is completed.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who also chairs the District Tourism Development Committee, said the initiative aims to make Varuna Lake more attractive and environmentally sustainable for visitors.

He appealed to the public and tourists to cooperate with the administration during the development phase, noting that the project will enhance the Lake's potential as a sustainable tourism destination.

Water quality 'D' category

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Aleem from Outback Adventures said that water quality tests conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) had classified the Lake under the 'D' category, indicating potential health risks for visitors.

"Based on the advice of Lake Conservationist Anand Malligavad, Natural Biological System (NBS) technology has been chosen to treat the water, conserve the Lake ecosystem and improve its aesthetic appeal. He has suggested installing four to five filtration units so that sewage water can be treated before entering the Varuna Lake," he said.

The project received approval from the CNNL Estimate Review Committee on Oct. 30, 2025 and from the Board of Directors on Nov. 18, 2025.

Subsequently, the Water Resources Department issued an order on Dec. 29, 2025, granting administrative sanction for the project titled "Rejuvenation of Varuna Tank by Natural Biological System (NBS) under the Achukat of DDUC."

Boats and other water adventure equipment shifted to Varuna Lake bund.

Author Srikrishna Alanahalli's 'Samagra Kathegalu' released

Noted writer Devanur Mahadeva releasing Srikrishna Alanahalli's 'Samagra Kathegalu' along with Srikrishna Alanahalli's wife Vinutha Alanahalli, son Pradyumna Alanahalli and Publisher Krishna Chengadi.

Srikrishna

Mysuru, Mar. 10 (BCT) - A single-volume compilation of short stories by distinguished Kannada novelist Srikrishna Alanahalli, titled 'Samagra Kathegalu,' was released by veteran writer Devanur Mahadeva at his residence in city yesterday.

The 232-page anthology brings together three clusters of Alanahalli's short stories, 'Taptha,' 'Phoenix' and 'Incomplete Stories.' The book has been published by 'Amulya Pustaka Prakashana,' with cover design by Sudhakar Darbe and inside designs by JRM Designs.

In Kannada literature, Srikrishna Alanahalli is regarded as one of the most sensitive writers who captured rural life, the nuances of human relationships and the spirit of nature with remarkable depth. He holds the distinction of being the youngest recipient of Sahitya Akademi Award.

His novels 'Kaadu' (1972), 'Parasangada Gendethimma' (1978) and 'Bhujangayyana Dashavathara' (1982) are considered milestones in Kannada fiction, several of which were later adapted into films and translated into English, German, Russian and several Indian languages.

Speaking at the release, Devanur Mahadeva recalled his close association with Srikrishna and said his friendship with writers of 'Navya' literary movement had influenced his own literary journey.

Among those present were Srikrishna Alanahalli's wife Vinutha Alanahalli, son Pradyumna Alanahalli, daughter Krutika Alanahalli, son-in-law Kannan and Publisher Krishna Chengadi.

Mysore Silk demand echoes in Assembly

Huge local orders may push Govt. to temporarily stop online sales

T.S. Srivatsa

K. Venkatesh

R. Ashoka

A file photo of KSIC's Filature Factory (silk thread reeling unit) in T. Narasipur.

Bengaluru, Mar. 10 (KMS &BCT)- The huge demand for traditional Mysore Silk sarees produced by Government-run Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) Limited dominated discussions in the State Assembly yesterday, with legislators across party lines urging the Government to increase production and strengthen the historic institution.

The discussion culminated in **Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh** announcing that the State Government had dropped the proposal of building a stadium inside the KSIC's Filature Factory (silk thread reeling unit) premises at T. Narasipur. The Factory is the mother unit that supplies thread to the weaving units in Mysuru and Channapatna.

5 am queues and token systems

Raising the issue, **Krishnaraja BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa** said there was huge demand for KSIC Mysore Silk sarees. He pointed out that customers often queue up as early as 5 am outside factory outlets to obtain tokens to purchase the sarees.

"There are queues as early as 5 am to get tokens to buy Mysore Silk sarees at factory outlet. We even receive calls from people asking if we can arrange these sarees for them," he said.

Questioning the Government's approach, he asked why production was not being increased despite the huge demand for the sarees across the country.

"When there is such huge demand, why is the Government not thinking of increasing production and expanding the business? These sarees are in demand across the country," he said.

Responding to the issue, Minister Venkatesh said KSIC currently produces around 300 to 350 silk sarees a day. He attributed the high demand to the superior quality maintained by the organisation.

"The demand is high because of the top quality. Women examine the sarees carefully and buy them only if there is not even a minute defect," he said. The Minister said the Government was working to increase production but would not compromise on the quality of raw materials used in the manufacturing process.

"We are trying to produce more sarees, but we need to procure quality raw materials and cannot compromise on that. There is also stiff competition, as traders from Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra come here to purchase cocoons," he said.

He added that during sales, offering discounts on slightly damaged sarees, customers begin queuing up outside outlets as early as 3 am.

Online sales

To simplify saree sales, KSIC has introduced an online purchase system that allows international customers and buyers from other Indian States to order Mysore Silk sarees directly.

Venkatesh also announced that online sales would be temporarily stopped in order to meet the demand at physical outlets.

"Online sales allowed people across the country to buy this product. Since there is a lot of local demand for the sarees, we are planning to stop online sales. First, we will meet demand at our outlets. Once production increases, we will resume online sales," he said.

Plight of employees highlighted

However, **Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka** criticised the Government over the treatment of workers at the production unit. He said he had visited the facility and alleged that workers were paid only Rs. 3,000 per month during the first 11 months of work.

"Imagine how they manage their lives. After the appointment, the salary increases only to around Rs. 15,000. The organisation has made a profit of Rs. 96 crore this year, yet there are plans to shut down the facility," Ashoka alleged.

He also opposed a proposal to acquire land in T. Narasipur, stating that the erstwhile Mysore royal family had gifted it.

"You talk about development and want to build a stadium on this land. The organisation is making profits and people queue up for more than three hours to buy Mysore Silk sarees. At this stage, should the Government strengthen the institution or shut it down?" he asked.

Minister claims misinformation

Responding to the concerns, Venkatesh said the issue related to land in the Chief Minister's Varuna Constituency and suggested that misinformation had been spread. "The demand for Mysore Silk sarees is real. Whatever is produced gets sold within a day. We will drop the plan to acquire the land," he said.

Ashoka later thanked the Minister for announcing that the land would not be acquired.

Minister for Urban Development Byrathi Suresh also spoke in support of KSIC, highlighting the global reputation of Mysore Silk. "My relatives in the US call me, saying they have been unable to buy Mysore Silk sarees even after trying for two months. This institution should not be closed. It has a rich history and should be strengthened with more funds," he said.

Over 3 lakh Mysore Silk sarees sold in 3 years

Bengaluru, Mar. 10 (KMS&BCT)- Over the past three years, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) Limited has produced a total of 3,10,667 Mysore Silk sarees, of which 3,09,659 have been sold, according to data shared in the Assembly.

Year	Sarees sold	Net sales	Net profit
2022-2023	98,277	**Rs. 206.35 crore**	**Rs. 46.75 crore**
2023-2024	1,08,035	**Rs. 248.40 crore**	**Rs. 73.40 crore**
2024-2025	1,03,347	**Rs. 296.20 crore**	**Rs. 101.15 crore**

To increase the supply of silk fabric used for sarees, 30 additional electronic jacquard looms have been installed. These machines are already operational and together generate an additional 7,500 metres of silk fabric every month.

Leaders welcome Govt. decision

"The State Government's decision to drop the plan to build a stadium inside the KSIC Filature Factory premises at T. Narasipur is welcome. It is a victory for the organised struggle. Many BJP leaders, including myself, had joined the workers' protest and we had also met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, urging him to abandon the project."

— Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, MP for Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency

"The Government has dropped its plan to construct a stadium in KSIC premises. I thank Opposition Leader R. Ashoka for standing at the forefront of the struggle and keeping his word. I also appreciate MLA Srivatsa for raising the issue in the Assembly and MP Yaduveer for supporting the protest. My thanks also to young leaders Arjun Ramesh, Deepu, Thotada Basavarajappa, the KSIC employees, political leaders, the media and Arenahalli Dharmendra Kumar of 'Mysoorina Kathegalu' for strengthening the movement to preserve KSIC."

— Prathap Simha, former MP

"For the past three weeks, the 'Parisarakkagi Naavu' organisation, along with factory workers and several associations, had been protesting against the proposed stadium. The struggle has now borne fruit. We welcome Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh's statement that the stadium plan will be dropped and urge the Government to modernise the factory with advanced equipment."

— Parashuramegowda, General Secretary, 'Parisarakkagi Naavu'

WORD OF THE DAY

Hector

Pronunciation: HEK-ter (verb)
Meaning: To hector someone is to criticise or question them in a threatening way.
Origin: In Homer's Iliad, Hector, the eldest son of King Priam of Troy, was a model soldier, son, father and friend, the champion of the Trojan army until he was killed by the Greek hero Achilles. So how did his name become a verb meaning "to intimidate or harass"? That use was likely influenced by gangs of rowdy street toughs who roamed London in the 17th century and called themselves "Hectors." They may have thought themselves gallant young blades (that's sense 3b(3)), but to the general populace they were swaggering bullies who intimidated passersby and vandalised property.
Example: "He continued to hector Neal about his inattention to business ('I have been waiting to hear from you,' again, and again, and again), without any tangible results." — Jem Aswad, Variety, 5 Aug. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Zelator

Sister in a convent in charge of checking on conduct of other nuns.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

An axe to grind

Meaning: When you say you have 'An axe to grind' you mean that you have a grievance.
Origin: Although there are a few theories about the origin of the expression 'An axe to grind,' one of the most popular comes from a proverbial story dating back to the mid-1800s, in which a man convinces a boy to turn a grindstone so that he can sharpen an axe. When the school bell rings, the man scolds the boy for being late and does not pay him. Therefore, the boy now has 'An axe to grind' with the man who owes him money.
Example: "I have an axe to grind with the boss. This is the last time he's going to make me stay late on a Friday night."

QUOTE BOX

Respect is what we owe; love, what we give. — **Philip James Bailey**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

STANDS

0_23456789

Answer: No one understands.

SUDOKU

				4			5	
					8	1	7	
	2		5		7	9		
		4						8
	6		4		9		1	
3						7		
		3	2		1		9	
	1	6	9					
	5			6				

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	9	5	4	7	2	6	3
2	7	3	1	9	6	8	5	4
5	4	6	8	3	2	1	9	7
3	8	1	2	5	4	6	7	9
9	5	4	6	7	8	3	1	2
6	2	7	3	1	9	5	4	8
1	9	5	4	2	3	7	8	6
7	6	2	9	8	5	4	3	1
4	3	8	7	6	1	9	2	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Asian language
5 Greatest in amount
9 Court
12 Actor Connery
13 Poker stake
14 Fear, dread or wonder
15 Australian birds
16 Comprehended or understood
18 Strong and well-built
20 A deep cut
21 Unsophisticated
23 Executive's missive
26 Leeways
29 Military award
30 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
31 "N" in TNT?
33 And for the German
34 Useful quality
36 Psychological complex
38 Rude person
39 A slow-to-heal wound
40 Raise or elevate
42 Igloo dweller
46 Well-read; erudite
49 As previously given
50 Humour
51 To yield or surrender
52 Paper money
53 Eden denizen
54 Stepped
55 Narrow valley with a stream

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	E	R	O	■	G	U	Y	S	■	T	I	E
D	R	A	M	■	A	N	E	W	■	O	L	D
E	A	R	N	■	B	I	G	A	P	P	L	E
S	T	A	I	R	■	■	G	M	A	N	■	■
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M	I	N	U	T	I	A	E	■	■	T	E	T
O	W	E	S	■	G	N	U	■	O	C	T	O
P	I	G	■	■	H	A	R	D	S	H	I	P
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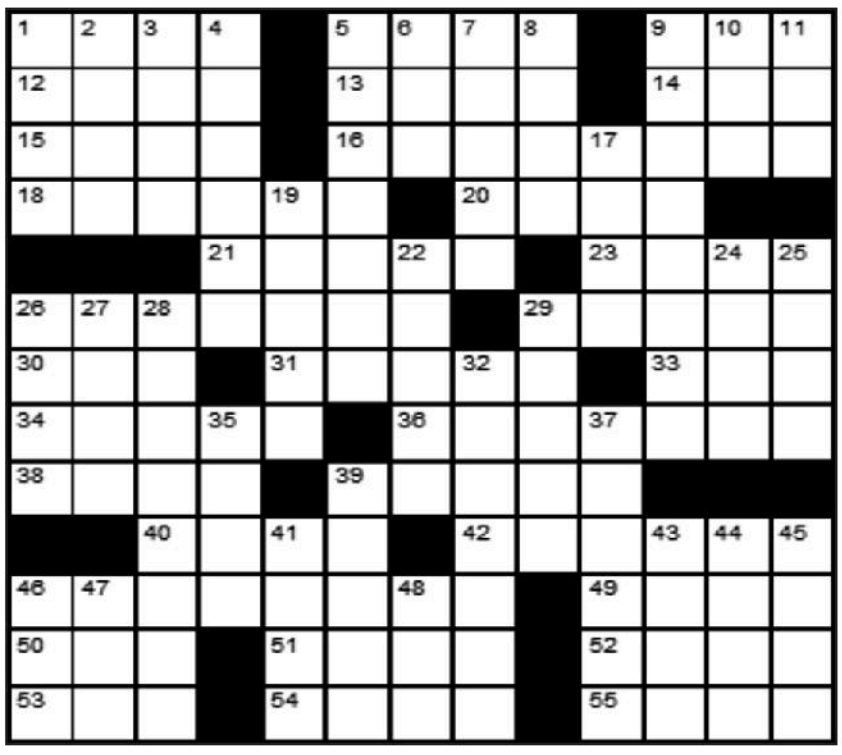
■	■	T	I	R	E	■	■	G	O	U	D	A
A	M	I	C	A	B	L	Y	■	S	P	U	R
L	U	V	■	D	O	T	E	■	I	T	E	M
L	G	E	■	E	N	D	S	■	S	O	T	S

DOWN

1 Consumer or employer
2 San ___ : Italian city
3 Apply paint, etc. in a rather patchy manner?
4 Not famous or acclaimed
5 Cocktail of gin and vermouth
6 A specified thing, as in "the ___ on top"?
7 Part of theatre
8 Weblike membrane
9 Done for (6,2)
10 Run a tab
11 British ref. book
17 Indian Soc. of Mechanical Engineers
19 Holy person
22 Vertical Short Takeoff and Landing
24 Hindu lawgiver
25 Auto pioneer Ransom
26 Biblical land - "a mob" dispersed?
27 In addition
28 Determined
29 Styles or fashions
32 Ebbed or flowed back
35 Guitarist ___ Clapton
37 Annoying or irritating
39 Articulate
41 Actuality
43 Graven image
44 Apportion
45 Horror movie involving "666"?
46 Ram's mate
47 Roman 504
48 Old name for Tokyo



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IB PBN WM IDRMI WG ZXNNZM IDNXMK. IB PBN

WM U SQBHM YUP UZZ GBDH IUGK.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The trouble with life in the fast lane is that you get to the other end in an awful hurry.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Hayagrriva (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Rakkasapuradhol (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Vadam (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  The Rise of Ashoka (K) - 4 Shows
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The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	(S-1)	10.50 am, 1.35 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Hoppers (E)	(S-2)	11.35 am, 4.40 pm
The Bride (E)	(S-2)	1.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Pancha Ratnagalu (K)	(S-3)	11.05 am
Vadam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Bheema Theeradalli (K)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Sesha 2016 (K)	(S-3)	7.55 pm
Sambhavam Adhyayam Onnu (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am, 7.10 pm
Mustafa Mustafa (Ta)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Munna (Te)	(S-4)	9.50 pm

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Sesha 2016 (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.00 pm
Antaryaami (K)	:	1.45 pm
99/66 (Ta)	:	4.30 pm
Bheema Theeradalli (K)	:	7.30 pm
Faces (Ma)	:	7.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

The Bride (E)	:	11.00 am, 1.50 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	11.25 am, 1.50 pm, 7.20 pm
Hayagrriva (K)	:	12.45 pm, 4.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Mrithyunjay (Te)	:	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	1.15 pm, 4.00 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Kadhal Reset Repeat (Ta)	:	1.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Munna (Te)	:	3.40 pm
Mustafa Mustafa (Ta)	:	4.15 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	4.40 pm, 7.05 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	6.50 pm
Majestic (K)	:	7.15 pm
Scream 7 (E)	:	10.00 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	:	10.10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Bheema Theeradalli (K)	:	12.45 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 7.00 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	1.20 pm, 6.30 pm
Mrithyunjay (Te)	:	1.25 pm
Munna (Te)	:	3.30 pm
Hayagrriva (K)	:	3.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	4.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	:	4.05 pm
Majestic (K)	:	6.50 pm
Sesha 2016 (K)	:	6.55 pm
Kadhal Reset Repeat (Ta)	:	9.30 pm
Sambhavam Adhyayam Onnu (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 10)

- **Gandhi Shilp Bazaar:** 152nd Handicrafts Exhibition and Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exclusive exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **M. Sannaiah's Family:** M. Sannaiah's 100th Birth Anniversary Celebrations, MLA G.T. Devegowda, MLC A.H. Vishwanath and former MLA M.K. Somashekar chief guests, Builders' Association of India (BAI), Vishweshwaranagar, **5.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 11)

- **Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru:** Inauguration of 3-day Workshop on 'Research Methodology' by MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif; Mysore University's DoS in Computer Science Senior Professor D.S. Guru delivers keynote address, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Research Institute Director Prof. Rajesh G. Gowda chief guest, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presides, Cauvery Auditorium, KSOU premises, Mukthagangothri, **10 am.**
- **Gandhi Shilp Bazaar:** 152nd Handicrafts Exhibition and Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exclusive exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Vani Vilas Ladies Club, Mysore Book Clubs Charitable Trust and Kannada Odugara Okkuta, Mysuru:** 15th Annual Quiz Competition for women, Vani Vilas Ladies Club, Nazarbad, **11 am.** [Mob: 96069-93137 or 74068-01621]

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Mar. 11: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, 'Prathibhimba' Dance-Drama by **Vidu. Prathibha Ramaswamy** and **Vidu. Janani Murali**, **6 pm to 7 pm;** 'Ramabhyudayam' Musical Dance Theatrical Production by **Bhushans (Badari Divya Bhushan, Dr. Anjana Bhushan and their sons Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan),** Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar**, 7 pm to 8 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

The Bride (E)	:	11.50 am, 5.05 pm, 10.20 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	12.45 pm, 7.15 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	1.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Kadhal Reset Repeat (Ta)	:	1.40 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	2.40 pm, 7.55 pm
Hayagrriva (K)	:	3.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Bheema Theeradalli (K)	:	4.25 pm
Mrithyunjay (Te)	:	4.35 pm
Majestic (K)	:	6.35 pm
Sesha 2016 (K)	:	7.10 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	:	10.00 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	11.40 am, 4.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Majestic (K)	:	12.50 pm
Mrithyunjay (Te)	:	1.30 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	2.25 pm, 7.35 pm
Hayagrriva (K)	:	3.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Kadhal Reset Repeat (Ta)	:	4.10 pm
Vadam (Ta)	:	5.25 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	:	6.50 pm
Bheema Theeradalli (K)	:	7.05 pm
Pancha Ratnagalu (K)	:	8.20 pm
Sambhavam Adhyayam Onnu (Ma)	:	9.50 pm
Sesha 2016 (K)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Workshop at KSOU

Mysuru, Mar. 10- A three-day Workshop on 'Research Methodology' has been organised at Cauvery Auditorium in Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) premises from Mar. 11 to 13, under the joint aegis of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Studies Research and Extension Centre, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) and Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Research Institute, Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

The workshop will be inaugurated by Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Commissioner, MCC, at 10 am tomorrow (Mar. 11).

Prof. D.S. Guru, Senior Professor, Department of Science (DoS) in Computer Science, University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, will deliver the keynote address.

Prof. Rajesh G. Gowda, Director, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Research Institute, will be the chief guest. Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse, KSOU VC, will preside. KSOU Dean (Academic) Prof. M. Ramanatham Naidu, Registrar (Evaluation) Dr. C.S. Ananda Kumar, KSOU Finance Officer Prof. S. Niranjan Raj and Dean (Study Centre) Dr. N.R. Chandregowda will be present.

Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava

Mysuru, Mar. 10- As part of 136th Year Sri Ramothsava Celebration, Sri Rambhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised Sangeethothsava-2026 of Parabhava Samvatsara at Smt. Alammana Choultry in Srirampet, from Mar. 27 to Apr. 10. Music concerts will be held everyday from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

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